

EXHIBIT A

O'Neil, William C.

From: O'Neil, William
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 1:21 PM
To: 'Sipchen, James J.'
Subject: RE:

Agreed. Thanks, Jim.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sipchen, James J. [mailto:jsipchen@pretzel-stouffer.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 1:00 PM
To: O'Neil, William
Subject: RE:

Bill:

This is acceptable assuming of course that disclosure is also appropriate to our client's insurance carrier who will have to be apprised of your demand.

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-----Original Message-----

From: O'Neil, William [mailto:WOneil@winston.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:38 PM

To: Sipchen, James J.
Subject:

Jim:

Per my voicemail, I am working to provide you our proposal by close of business today. Before doing so, however, I would like your agreement not to disclose our proposal to the NPA, the Court, or to any third-party with the exception of your client. It would also not be admissible for any purpose and would have the traditional protections of Rule 408. Please reply with a confirmation that this is acceptable to you.

Regards,

Bill

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